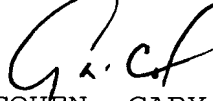


REMARKS

Prior to examination, entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.115. The amendments are presented to claim the benefit of an earlier-filed U.S. Provisional Patent Application, No. 60/412,125, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.78, and to submit a corrected Abstract for the application. The amended Abstract has additionally been reproduced on a separate sheet enclosed with this Reply, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b).

An early and favorable consideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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